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Letter dated 25 September 1996 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Following my letter to you dated 24 September 1996 (A/51/400-S/1996/779), I wish to inform you that the Israeli occupying army has today, 25 September 1996, shot dead one Palestinian civilian and wounded approximately 160 other civilians.

Many Palestinians throughout the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, were taking part in demonstrations in protest of the illegal, provocative action of opening the tunnel under the Western Wall of Al-Aqsa Mosque. The Israeli troops immediately used violence, including gunfire, against the demonstrators. Moreover, several recent statements by Israeli officials have indicated an intention to continuously challenge international legitimacy and Israel's obligations as an occupying Power.

The events of today increase the urgency of the matter and I trust that the Security Council will take the necessary steps in this regard.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 33, 35 and 85, and of the Security Council.

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